

1920's, and continuing through the 1970's, the four most recognized American boat builders were headquartered in Michigan: Chris Craft in Algonac; Gar Wood in Marysville; Hacker Craft in Mount Clemens; and Century in Manistee. Thus, I think that it is only right that the 25th Anniversary of the Antique and Classic Boat Society be celebrated in the Water Wonderland State of Michigan.

Mr. President, I applaud the ACBS for having grown into the world's largest organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of historic, antique and classic boats, a fact which pays tribute to the many people who have devoted themselves not only to promoting the heritage of boating, but also to promoting the ACBS and the many wonderful things it does to preserve this heritage. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate the Antique and Classic Boat Society on its 25th Anniversary, and wish the organization continued success in the future.●

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. PATRICIA JANKOWSKI

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, on August 25, 2000, Mrs. Patricia Jankowski of Garden City, Michigan, took office as National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the organization's 87th National Convention. On September 23, 2000, there will be a Homecoming celebration in her honor at the Marriott Hotel in the Detroit Renaissance Center, and I rise today to offer my congratulations to Mrs. Jankowski as she returns to Michigan.

Mrs. Jankowski is a Life Member of Northville Auxiliary #4012. Since becoming a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, she has been actively involved on all levels of the organization. She has served as Auxiliary President, District #4 President, and in 1990-91 was selected the Outstanding President of the Year in her membership group when she served as State President.

On the national level, Mrs. Jankowski has served as National Flag Bearer, National Cancer Aid and Research Director, and National Director for the VFW National Home program. As a member of Blazette Color Guard for five years, she holds two Bronze and one Silver Medal for competition at National VFW Convention. In 1989, she earned National Aide-de-Camp status for recruiting members. And just last year, as National Senior Vice-President, she represented the Auxiliary on a tour of Europe.

Mrs. Jankowski's election to this national office is the highlight of a career dedicated to public service. During her term in office, she will encourage fellow members to raise \$3 million for the Auxiliary Cancer Aid and Research Fund for the 13th consecutive year, with her ultimate goal being to top all previous program records.

Mr. President, I applaud Mrs. Jankowski for the wonderful work that she has done for the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. Her supreme dedication to that cause and her unending desire to help our Nation's veterans is both admirable and inspirational. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Mrs. Jankowski on taking office as National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and wish her great success as she leads this outstanding organization.●

DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES L. BIDWELL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Deputy Chief Charles L. Bidwell of the Brighton, Michigan, Area Fire Department, who will be honored for 50 years of fire service to the City of Brighton at a dinner on September 19, 2000.

Deputy Chief Bidwell has been an active or on-call firefighter since September 14, 1950. He spent his entire career with the City of Brighton Fire Department until July 1, 1998, when the City of Brighton Fire Department and the Brighton Township Fire Department merged to form the Brighton Area Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Bidwell is retired from the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford, Michigan. He has held the position of Deputy Chief since 1988, and remains one of the most active members of the Brighton Area Fire Department. For the past decade, he has led the department in alarm response.

From June 27, 1994 until January 15, 1995, Mr. Bidwell acted as interim Chief of the City of Brighton Fire Department. He was named the City of Brighton's Firefighter of the Year in 1987, and, at the annual conference of the Michigan State Firemen's Association in Ludington earlier this year, he was selected as Michigan's Firefighter of the Year in honor of this remarkable achievement.

Mr. President, I applaud Deputy Chief Bidwell on his extensive firefighting career and his dedication to the City of Brighton. He is one of the State of Michigan's true role models, and I am glad that the City of Brighton and the Brighton Area Fire Department have taken this opportunity to recognize his many contributions. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Deputy Chief Charles L. Bidwell on 50 years of service, and wish him continued success in the future.●

30TH BIRTHDAY OF HARBOR TOWER APARTMENTS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 30th birthday of Harbor Tower Apartments in Escanaba, Michigan, which was officially celebrated on July 13, 2000. For thirty years, the presence of Harbor Tower

Apartments has enabled the Escanaba Housing Commission, in coalition with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide low-income housing to members of the Escanaba community.

Harbor Tower, an 18 floor, 175 apartment building, was built in 1970. The official dedication of the building took place on July 13th of that same year, and was attended by Miss America Pamela Anne Eldred. The Harbor Tower Apartments are managed by the Escanaba Housing Commission, a group comprised of five full-time employees and a five member Board of Commissioners appointed by the City Council of Escanaba.

To qualify to live in Harbor Tower Apartments, individuals must meet the income guidelines set out by HUD. If they qualify under these guidelines, their rent is determined by their income, with HUD providing subsidy funds. Harbor Tower Apartments is considered a high performer by HUD's PHMAP scoring system. The PHMAP is a grade given to the management and staff on their performance and upkeep of the building.

Perhaps the most important element of Harbor Tower Apartments, at least to the Escanaba Housing Commission, is to make residents feel as if they are a part of a community. They can participate in a variety of activities, including a weekly Rosary, monthly church services, a monthly club meeting, a summer picnic, and other special dinners. In addition, membership in the Harbor Tower Club is available to any resident for only \$6 per year. The club's activities include a monthly catered dinner and dance, an annual Christmas Bazaar, and special holiday parties.

Mr. President, I congratulate all of the people whose hard work over the years has made this 30th birthday possible. It is because of their dedication that quality housing remains an option to Escanaba citizens of all income levels. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I wish the Harbor Tower Apartments continued success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT OF THE INTERAGENCY
ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COM-
MITTEE—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT—PM 127

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373 (15 U.S.C. 4107(b)), I transmit herewith the Eighth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (February 1, 1998, to January 31, 2000).

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 14, 2000.

EIGHTH BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE INTER-
AGENCY ARCTIC RESEARCH POLICY COM-
MITTEE TO THE CONGRESS—FEBRUARY 1, 1998
TO JANUARY 31, 2000

(Prepared by the National Science Founda-
tion for the Interagency Arctic Research
Policy Committee)

BACKGROUND

Section 108(b) of Public Law 98-373, as amended by Public Law 101-609, the Arctic Research and Policy Act, directs the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) to submit to Congress, through the President, a biennial report containing a statement of the activities and accomplishments of the IARPC. The IARPC was authorized by the Act and was established by Executive Order 12501, dated January 28, 1985.

Section 108(b)(2) of Public Law 98-373, as amended by Public Law 101-609, directs the IARPC to submit to Congress, through the President, as part of its biennial report, a statement "detailing with particularity the recommendations of the Arctic Research Commission with respect to Federal interagency activities in Arctic research and the disposition and responses to those recommendations." In response to this requirement, the IARPC has examined all recommendations of the Arctic Research Commission since February 1998. The required statement appears in Appendix A.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the period February 1, 1998, to January 31, 2000, the IARPC has:

Prepared and published the fifth biennial revision to the United States Arctic Research Plan, as required by Section 108(a)(4) of the Act. The Plan was sent to the President on July 7, 1999.

Published and distributed four issues of the journal Arctic Research of the United States. These issues reviewed all Federal agency Arctic research accomplishments for FY 96 and 97 and included summaries of the IARPC and Arctic Research Commission meetings and activities. The Fall/Winter 1999 issue contained the full text of the sixth biennial revision of the U.S. Arctic Research Plan.

Consulted with the Arctic Research Commission on policy and program matters described in Section 108(a)(3), was represented at meetings of the Commission, and responded to Commission reports and Recommendations (Appendix A).

Continued the processes of interagency cooperation required under Section 108(a)(6)(7), (8) and (9).

Provided input to an integrated budget analysis for Arctic research, which estimated \$185.7 million in Federal support for FY 98 and \$221.5 million in FY 99.

Arranged for public participation in the development of the fifth biennial revision to

the U.S. Arctic Research Plan as required in Section 108(a)(10).

Continued to maintain the Arctic Environmental Data Directory (AEDD), which now contains information on over 400 Arctic data sets. AEDD is available on the World Wide Web.

Continued the activities of an Interagency Social Sciences Task Force. Of special concern is research on the health of indigenous peoples and research on the Arctic as a unique environment for studying human environmental adaptation and sociocultural change.

Continued to support an Alaska regional office of the Smithsonian's Arctic Studies Center in cooperation with the Anchorage Historical Museum to facilitate education and cultural access programs for Alaska residents.

Supported continued U.S. participation in the non-governmental International Arctic Science Committee, via the National Research Council.

Participated in the continuing National Security Council/U.S. Department of State implementation of U.S. policy for the Arctic. U.S. policy for the Arctic now includes an expanded focus on science and environmental protection and on the valued input of Arctic residents in research and environmental management issues.

Participated in policy formulation for the ongoing development of the Arctic Council. This Council incorporates a set of principles and objectives for the protection of the Arctic environment and for promoting sustainable development. IARPC supports the contributions being made to projects under the Council's Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (AMAP) by a number of Federal and State of Alaska agencies. IARPC's Arctic Monitoring Working Group serves as a U.S. focal point for AMAP.

Approved four coordinated Federal agency research initiatives on Arctic Environmental Change, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment, Assessment of Risks to Environments and People in the Arctic, and Marine Science in the Arctic. These initiatives are designed to augment individual agency mission-related programs and expertise and to promote the resolution of key unanswered questions in Arctic research and environmental protection. The initiatives are intended to help guide internal agency research planning and priority setting. It is expected that funding for the initiatives will be included in agency budget submissions, as the objectives and potential value are of high relevance to the mission and responsibilities of IARPC agencies.

Convened formal meetings of the Committee and its working groups, staff committees, and task forces to accomplish the above.

*Appendix A: Interagency Arctic Research Policy
Committee Responses to Recommendations of
the Arctic Research Commission*

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The following recommendations are from the Arctic Research Commission report "Goals and Opportunities for United States Arctic Research" (1999).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENCIES

At the request of the IARPC agencies we are including specific recommendations for these agencies and interagency groups in order to make clear to them our view of the opportunities.

National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation Arctic Science Section in the Office of Polar Programs has made great strides in recent years in their interest in and efforts on behalf of research in the Arctic. We are pleased with several developments in recent years, including the partnership with the Commission in support of the ARCUS Logistics Study, the participation of the Section's staff on the Commission's field trips to Greenland and Arctic Canada, and the Foundation's support for the swath bathymetric mapping system deployed in 1998 as part of the SCICEX Program. Nevertheless, there still remains a substantial disparity between support for research in the Antarctic and in the Arctic. A new era is about to dawn in Arctic research because of the arrival in 2000 of the new Coast Guard icebreaker *Healy*. *Healy* has the potential to become the most important ship for Arctic research ever launched. On the other hand, it may languish at the dock making only occasional forays into the Arctic. The National Science Foundation has committed to *Healy* by ending its support for the ARV design activity conducted by the University National Oceanographic Laboratory System. *Healy* will be the principal U.S. resource for surface studies of the Arctic Ocean. Having committed philosophically to *Healy* it is essential that NSF find the resources to operate *Healy* as a research vessel with a minimum operating schedule of approximately 200 days per year. Without sufficient operating support, the NSF commitment to *Healy* will be a hollow one. The FY 99 budget for the Foundation contains a substantial increase in funding for Arctic Logistics needs.

NSF appreciates the Commission's comments on the great strides in recent years by the Arctic Science Section, Office of Polar Programs, on behalf of research in the Arctic. NSF's commitment to supporting Arctic research in all areas remains strong, but NSF is to the sole Federal sponsor for Arctic studies. As the Commission is aware, both NSF and the Office of Polar Programs must continually find the appropriate balance of support for a wide variety of disciplines and activities. In the specific case of supporting research that requires the use of the *Healy*, NSF's FY 00 budget request included funding for initial testing for scientific applications of the *Healy*. In FY 00 the Foundation also hopes to support limited research on the *Healy* during the science system testing cruises.

Long-term planning (FY 01 and beyond) includes continued support for research on the *Healy*. Support for up to 100 operating days is planned, although it is unclear whether the amount required to fully fund 200 operating days, including science costs, would be available for this purpose from NSF. NSF will work with other user agencies to develop mechanisms for science support for the *Healy*.

Department of Defense

A number of activities fall under the Department of Defense. Chief among these is the SCICEX Program of the Department of the Navy. The 109th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard provides LC-130 support for both Arctic and Antarctic research operations. In addition, DOD is conducting a program entitled Arctic Military